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**Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/108, 189
For: AN INTRODUCER SHEATH FOR USE DURING A SURGICAL
PROCEDURE
Our Reference No.: 23660-00611**

Dear Sir:

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1. Amendment & Response (11 pages)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006, Applicants submit the following remarks regarding the above-referenced patent application. The present claims in the application are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicants remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.